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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Shoichi TANEICHI et al.

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For:

BULKY SHEET MATERIAL HAVING THREE-DIMENSIONAL

PROTRUSIONS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Va. 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, the period for response having been extended one month to expire on November 29, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 8, 9, 14, 16, 25 and 26 are cancelled.

Claims 1 and 7 are amended.